



Friday, September 14, 2018

Georgia College Student Activities Center

(Hold the date: Friday, September 20, 2019)

8:30 a.m. - Check-in and registration, Magnolia Ballroom

9:40 a.m. - Welcome

Dr. Larry C. Christenson – Executive Director of University Housing, *Georgia College*
Dr. Paul K. Jahr, Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs (retired) *Georgia College*
- History of New Professionals Workshop, Value of Networking, ...and other insights
Mr. Jeremy Brown – Past President, *Georgia College Personnel Association (GCPA)*
Mr. Mark Jestel - President, *Georgia Housing Officers (GHO)*
Dr. Shawn Brooks – Vice President of Student Affairs, *Georgia College*

9:50 a.m. - Student Affairs in the State of Georgia, Magnolia Ballroom

Dr. Joyce Jones, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, *University System of Georgia*

10:05 a.m. - Getting to Know One Another, Magnolia Ballroom

10:35 a.m. - Freedom of Expression in Higher Education, Magnolia Ballroom

Ms. Brooke Bowen, Legal Counsel
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

11:40 a.m. – Importance of Bed Safety Rails, Magnolia Ballroom

Ms. Mariellen Jacobs, Founder of *Rail Against the Danger*
www.railagainstthedanger.org

GCPA Executive Board Meeting, GIVE Center 130 Maxwell Student Union
GHO Executive Officers Meeting, GIVE Center 150 Maxwell Student Union

Networking Break

11:50 a.m. - JOB ALIKE / FUNCTIONAL AREA MEETINGS

Student Support Mix - Maple A, room 216

Student Activities Mix - Maple B, room 217

Housing/Residential Life - Magnolia Ballroom

12:20 p.m. - Lunch (go through the line), University Banquet Room, The Max

1:50 p.m. - Tour of GC Housing - Leave from Banquet Room

1:30 p.m. - GHO Executive Officers Meeting, Green Room 201

Program Session 1 (1:40-2:30)

Magnolia Ballroom

Taking Ownership of Your Own Balance – Deseree Murden & Matt Brigner, Georgia College

It is so easy to lose yourself in the housing (student affairs) profession. The problem is that once you are lost it can feel too late to correct and find a workable balance for a healthy and fulfilling life. This presentation will explore how easily the scales can tip away from a healthy balance while encouraging professionals with strategies to maintain that balance in their own lives.

Maple A

Creating a Home for Homeless Students – Michelle Davidson & Rodger Page, Columbus State University

More often than not, a student who is struggling with housing insecurity will not self-identify. This makes it hard to know which students may need assistance. Homelessness can be defined as not having a consistent and safe, nighttime residence. This accounts for individuals who are sleeping in their vehicles, who are "couch surfing", or who are sleeping in unsafe living conditions. Student Affairs professionals have a responsibility to create a safe and positive living environment for all students, however, going above and beyond to make a residence hall feel like a home is especially impactful for students who are struggling with homelessness. This session aims to give helpful tips on assisting housing insecure students and provides an opportunity for some open dialogue about the experiences that professionals are seeing on their own campuses.

Maple B

Georgia on My Mind – Mark Jestel, Piedmont College; Stacy Milner, Georgia College; Chris Ruiz, Georgia Tech; Jenni Shinpaugh & Zduy Chu, Valdosta State

Interested in leadership opportunities on the state level? Join us for this presentation and learn more about the GHO and GCPA organizations and the resources they provide. The Georgia College Personnel Association (GCPA) is an association which designs opportunities for professional development and growth for Student Affairs Professionals and Graduate Students interested in joining the Student Affairs Field. The Georgia Housing Officers (GHO) organization seeks to serve as an association of college housing officers advancing the field of Residence Life and Housing while recognizing best practices within the field and around the state. We welcome all professionals to join us and discuss networking opportunities, ways to get involved, and the resources these two organizations can provide for their members!

Meet in front of The MAX (Dining Hall)

ADA Matters – *David Anderson & Michael Rickenbacker, Georgia College*

Take a walking tour of the ADA accessible projects that the Director of the Student Disability Resource Center and University Architects have done and thought process behind them.

Ennis Hall 017

Professional Development and Professional Identity - *Dr. Paul K. Jahr, Georgia College*

As a new professional, or one who is new to his/her position and/or institution, establishing your professional identity is something that you should be considering. This program is designed to discuss some important facets of what is involved in your professional identity and thoughts on how you can go about establishing it. This will focus on practical information and strategies for your consideration from the perspective of an individual who spent over 40 years in student affairs.

Ennis Hall 020

Tackle the Money Monster: Personal Finance and Budgeting for New Professionals – *Kevin Blanch, Georgia College*

For many, the job you have now may be your first employment out of school. Along with opportunities, being on your own for the first time can bring challenges as well. Come learn and share w/ others so you can spend smarter, save wiser, and be ready for whatever's next in life.

Program Session 2 (2:40-3:30)

Magnolia Ballroom

Rapport Building 101 – *Katie Fester, Georgia Southern University – Armstrong Campus*

Building rapport with your student staff is one of the most helpful tools to have in your pocket. However, this tool can be hard to develop when you are experiencing critical moments of change in your own professional journey, such as you are in your first year at a new institution or supervising a student staff that you did not select. This program will help you understand some misconceptions about management and tips for building short and long-term relationships, trust, and respect with your student staff.

Maple A

Work/Life Balance – More Than Just Self-Care – *Michelle Davidson & Chris Hovel, Columbus State University*

"Self-Care" is one of the most commonly used buzzwords in the realm of student affairs and particularly in housing when trying to maintain sanity while serving students. From being students ourselves to now professional staff members -- we are constantly being told by supervisors and peers to practice having work/life balance and taking care of yourself. But what does that exactly mean? Is there a perfect method to finding the perfect work/life balance? The answer isn't as concrete as you think. In this presentation you will learn about how to define your own sense of work/life balance and what self-care means to you. You will hear the story of two professionals -- one seasoned and one brand new that have triumphed and have misstepped in defining their own work/life balance and share tools they have used to maintain happiness in their position, their relationships and their sanity. Most importantly, you will learn what it means to define your own self-care practices and gain ways to hold yourself accountable so that you don't find yourself overwhelmed with all that is on your plate.

Maple B

Planning Your Professional Development: Whose Responsibility is it Anyway? – *Stefanie Swanger, Mercer University*
Professional Development is a huge buzzword in Student Affairs, and everyone wants it! (You are at this Workshop for that very purpose, aren't you?) As a new professional, do you know your needs and how to advocate for your own growth? And should you be planning this or does your supervisor? Come to join the conversation and learn steps you can take starting today to develop a plan for your professional growth. As a group, we will discuss some research findings from various authors and review a potential model to organize your thoughts and ideas. The presenter will also share personal professional development ideas from her experience in over 13 years in the field (The good, the bad, and the ugly).

Ennis Hall 017

What's Your Diversity IQ? – *Gratasha Banks, Gordon State College*

As a new professional, there are going to be a number of situations you must address. Are you ready for the sensitive matters? Do you know how to address them objectively? We will evaluate your Diversity IQ and learn ways of improving.

Ennis Hall 020

Getting Your Professional Life Together – *Kenzel Hill, Georgia Southern University*

This program will involve a combination of formal presentation and a roundtable discussion about how graduate students and new professionals can navigate the at times confusing world of professional development and the intimidating job search process while figuring out how to find their best institutional fit.

3:30 – Safe Travels!

Thanks for attending the 26th annual Dr. Paul K Jahr New Professionals Workshop.

PLEASE consider returning next year as a presenter.